

THINGS ETERNAL—SOME THINGS TEMPORAL.

CARLETON AND BETHANY.

Last week we had two additions at Carleton, both by baptism. Last Sunday evening our C. E. had three additions to the list of active members, and the Sunday before, they had nine additions. Our K. C., with sister Jennie Bauman as president, held a union social with the Epworth League, which was successful. Our Brother Bauman, recently celebrated his 50th birthday. Many friends called on him, much to his surprise. At Bethany, the ladies have had the church newly papered, making it new and attractive, to the credit of their hands and hearts. Sisters Stella and Blanche Burger, are pushing the Young People's work. Brother Pearson Eglon has made a trip east. You will find him a pleasant Christian gentleman. During the coming weeks, I hope to extend the kingdom in this part, and am now preparing for that work especially.

THE LOSS AT LISTIE.

The Listie church has suffered a great loss in Brother Trent's death. I remember first meeting him at the Johnstown Convention, and receiving an earnest invitation to visit him. In a few years I became pastor of the church, and learned to know and love him. At this time the new church was built, and what ever discouragements others may have recognized, he always stood by the preacher. When holding a protracted meeting in the old church on the hill, he never flinched. Before entering into that meeting Brother and Sister Trent, Sister Sadie and myself, held a meeting of our own to talk over the outlook. They said it would take work and I should not give up, and they would stand by me, and they did. One night, dark, and rain falling, through the woods we went, and across the fields, reaching the church and pausing for a little rest, I said: "Brother Trent, this makes twenty-seven services we have held, how long are you good for?" He replied: "O I can stand it for two weeks yet, and then I will tell you." That night we had four or five confessions, and a good meeting followed. That shows the man; keeping at it in God's work was characteristic of the man. I shall miss him when I visit Listie. I pray that the loved ones left, may have the sympathy of the healer who helps while he causes us to pass under the rod.

THE DEATH VS. THE LIFE OF BERLIN.

After writing the above I read brother "Johnnie's" letter, and said Amen to his statement about his vitality. "The Berlin

charge dying man," is an old "chestnut," wormy at that. It was circulated when I was there, and no doubt will jump up like Jack from the box, whenever an enemy touches the spring. The old Berlin charge, like some people has more vitality than they get credit for. Like a building on fire, put it out one place, and it will break out in another. If some one would write a history of the overflow of the Berlin church it would show much that may be little thought of. How many have moved from these charges to the west? I preach to some every Sunday. A Methodist gentleman from Hebrom, our county seat, calls Carleton, "Little Somerset county." It is strange that people will resort to such arguments. Some of our German Baptist friends are continually making charges against us here in Kansas, yet in their own church they have men who belong to secret societies, and their women are fast following "the fashionable progressives." The fact that such arguments are used is an evidence of our life and vitality. Powder and ball are never used to kill dead birds.

THE KANEMORADO DISTRICT.

This part of our church field is like a jacket large enough for a boy of eighteen, yet a boy ten must wear it. The district embraces a large extent of territory. While churches are few in number, here and there are groups of members, who may develop into churches in years to come. One great draw back to our work has been the lack of means caused by two years of drouth, and in some sections three. While rain is falling in great quantities in Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska, yet there are sections getting no rain. A strip, of which Carleton is near the centre, perhaps 75 miles long and 50 wide, is dry. Our last heavy rain being the first week in June, and if rain comes now and keeps on for a month, there will not be a full crop. Wheat went, oats went, and corn is going. Thus the third year of drouth is looking us in the face. All these things have been against us to a great extent, and yet we have held our own, in some places advanced. Reports have gone in from various places, and I see no cause to cease work, but every reason to advance.

OUR COMING CONVENTION.

Yes, why not have the K. C. as a part of the whole? Why have any part, such as the Sisters and Missions, etc., run on a side track. Let a part of the session be devoted to these interests, and not have them held as separate conventions or conferences. Why have preaching down stairs, and up stairs a lot of preachers

discussing threadbare subjects. The tail end of an annual meeting has no place at a progressive conference. I like that idea of a vacation. If churches knew what was good for them, from a cold business point, they would send their preachers off on a vacation once a year, and pay his salary while he was away. He is rested, refreshed, re-inspired, and will do more and better work the balance of the year. A continual grind will wear out any man, and no man does harder work than the faithful preacher. Every brain cell, and nerve power is used for others, and to produce the best music, he must be re-strung and retuned, and a vacation free from care will do the work. Let your pastor have one. I will show this to my deacons.

WHAT PUTS US IN HARMONY?

That question concerning laying aside the coat at feet washing has started my thinker. I do not object to it, certainly not, neither do I think it essential, to being in harmony with God's word. What puts us in harmony with God's word? Doing what Jesus did or doing what Jesus commanded? If the former, then who is in harmony? If laying aside the garment puts us in harmony, then why be out of harmony on the other parts of the communion? If laying aside a garment is essential, then we should hold communion in an upper chamber; we should have only twelve present; we should keep the sisters out; we must hold that communion in Jerusalem, and we should ride to the city on an ass. The example of Jesus connects us with his commands. Obedience to his commands is essential to being in harmony with him and his word. Things outside of his commands are matters of expediency, of liberty, and of charity.

THE GREAT ESSENTIAL.

Make Jesus known. He will do the saving. Fret not over non-essentials. Men and women are in the sea of trouble; Our boys and girls are being dragged under the waves of sin; many of our churches are worldly and indifferent; thousands of societies are sapping the vitals of the church. The day of Christ is rapidly approaching. Nature and revelation agree on this. Judgment will begin at the house of God. We profess to take his word as our creed. Then the farther we live from its central truth the greater the disaster that will overtake us. The decrease of men and creeds, the increase of Christ, the submission of humanity, and the triumph of the church, the power of the spirit and the glory of God, then what a world to live in.

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